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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
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August 24, 1954

Reverend Zeno C. Tharp
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Dear Sir:

We would like to go on record at the Auditorium, in stating that the General Assembly of the Churches of God, which has just concluded its meeting in our building, was one of the nicest groups of people with which it has ever been our pleasure to deal. It certainly was nice having your fine congregation with us for a week. Everyone connected with the Organization was most congenial and cooperative, and we would like to take the opportunity to say that if you ever decide to come back to Memphis you will be more than welcome.

My personal congratulations to you and to your wonderful group on the fine work you are doing, and may I wish you Godspeed in the great task that lies ahead.

Sincerely yours,
Chauncey Barbour
Managing Director

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NOTICE

Correspondence Course

All students of the old correspondence course who desire to continue the course should get in touch with the school at once. We have discontinued the course, but we shall be sending out lessons to those who have paid in full for the next sixty days. After that the old lessons will be disposed of in order to make room for the new courses being offered. If you want the rest of the lessons, write at once, give your present address, and send the balance on your account if there is any. I will grade the lessons and give out certificates on the old course until April 1, 1955, so you have plenty of time to finish it if you desire. Don't wait; send at once for your lessons!—Mrs. Avis Swiger, Lee College Correspondence Department, Cleveland, Tennessee.

COVER PICTURE—Garnett

Lake Shore—Winona Lake, Indiana. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10.

"Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seamed with scars."—*God's Revivalist*.

Let's Sound a Warning

By L. M. ANDERSON, a Layman, Savannah, Georgia

TODAY HUMANITY is looking and searching everywhere. Yes, going even to foreign lands and are searching and hunting for something to satisfy that great longing, thirst, and hunger they have in their very beings. There is an empty place in their hearts and lives. Seeking to satisfy the flesh, they will drink, dance, and go to places of amusement to be entertained. That great desire of the flesh they try to fill with things of the world and worldly pleasures that are so plentiful. (Wish I could show them Jesus.) We see on every hand that the enemy has plenty of such places of worldly entertainment in reach of almost everyone. The poorest and least heard of family can reach out and partake of a certain portion of this cheap, worthless pleasure. (Wish I could show them Jesus, my Saviour.)

People are so blind, so careless, so unconcerned, and so sleepy that they can't see how cheaply they are selling out to the enemy of their souls. They don't realize what it means to fail to seek God. The day we are living in is a day of great wickedness, unbelief, doubt, and strife on every hand. People are stealing, robbing, cheating, and swindling so much that they can't trust one another, but they have to go to law against the other. They will befriend you only to put a dagger in your back at the same time. They are like this because of fear, hatred, greediness, selfishness, stubbornness, high-mindedness, and independence. (Oh, if I could just show them Jesus.)

Today selfishness and jealousy have the hearts of men black as soot. They have no love for anything or anyone but desire only to satisfy the flesh. Their minds are out of order and seem to be warped and twisted with these desires. They remind you of a beast—they see what they want, and they make an effort to get it. It doesn't matter how many feelings they hurt, whom they run over, how many they trod under foot, or if there is blood shed just so they get what they want. They work, scheme, slip, and slide to try to keep their dirty, ungodly, wicked ways hidden from the people of the world, but, oh, that all-seeing Eye is at work. Proverbs 15:3, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Hebrews 4:13, "... all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

THE DIRTY, unclean, filthy, and ungodly works of man are impossible to hide from the great God, the Maker of all things. The time is coming when all things done undercover will be uncovered and all things done in darkness will be revealed in the light. Oh, what a great day that will be! Truly as the song says there will be praying; there will be shouting; there will be singing; there will be weeping (how sad), on that day. I believe that some will still curse, accuse and try to blame their downfall on someone else. Yes, some will realize they have failed the good chance they had here on earth, but all their praying will be too late to save them. Yes, good people who blindly and stubbornly reject God and who fail to humble themselves and to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour will pray on that day. (Wish I could show them Jesus.)

Well, I could go on and on with the great wickedness of people, but I should like to come on down to where we are actually living today—down to Pentecost, if you please. There are a great number of people in the world today who believe the Pentecost way or holiness doctrine. There are thousands who have gone to an altar, prayed, and wept until God, for Christ's sake, forgave them of their sins and who, when they had won the first round, came up shouting the high praises of God and rejoicing with the glory of God in their souls and on their faces because God had given them the assurance He had heard their cry.

There have been many vows and promises made on that day or night at an altar of prayer that have since that time been forgotten by that person, but know you this—the all-wise God hasn't forgotten those promises; the vows made with God on that occasion are surely more important than we think. We promised God we would live for Him and would walk in the light of His Word. We promised to read His Word and to pray and tell others about Jesus. "O my God, if you will forgive me, I will do anything you want me to; it doesn't matter what it is, Lord, I promise." Oh, what a vow to God, the One who has our lives in His hand. Are we worthy of His great blessings? Mind you, dear reader, this might have happened a short time ago. Just a few months or at least a couple of years, and now do we remember that time when we, as sinners, lost without God, called upon His great and holy name and asked for mercy? Do we remember that we promised to pray, to work, and to tell others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ our Lord? Have we forgotten to pay our tithes and to support God's work? Do we remember that we promised to study the great Word and truth of God? At this point, let us check and search our lives, to see where we stand, to see what kind of soldier we are, to see if we have kept our vows or not, to see if we are ready to stand before the great High Priest, the Judge of all judges. Are we ready for the great Book of all books to be opened. (O my God, how we need Jesus!)

LET'S GO back for at least six months. Have these past six months been just what we wanted them to be? Have they been a period of prayer and study or have they been a period of wasted time? Yes, I am afraid many of us have wasted most of our time on things that don't pertain to the Spirit. Let's face the issue honestly and openheartedly. Have we prayed and studied more than we have watched our TV or are we going to let this

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Relationship of the Sunday School + to the Church +

By RAY H. HUGHES, National Sunday School and Youth Director

THROUGH THE YEARS, the ministry and laity have lacked a proper understanding of the relationship of the Sunday School to the church. There have been varied opinions as to its operations and place in the whole of the church program. Since information is the basis for intellectual cooperation, let us study together this relationship.

This question of the Sunday School's relation to the church has been a subject of age-long discussion. It has held the prominent place on the programs of conventions and has often provoked earnest contention and sometimes conflict. Even though it has made marked progress and has claimed world-wide attention since its inception in the 18th century, even now some fail to see its importance and give to it due prominence. In many cases it is only tolerated and in others it is not utilized to the fullest extent. I am of the opinion that when leaders and laymen alike come to the proper understanding of Sunday School operation the problem will be solved.

At the very beginning, the Sunday School was a religious school only to the extent that Robert Raikes, its founder, was a churchman. Out of a compassion and interest to reform the boys who roamed the streets on Sundays, he opened a school of instruction in a private home at Gloucester, England, in July, 1780. Robert Raikes, with his largeness of heart and philanthropic attitude toward untutored and unlearned boys, drove himself to the task of building good citizens out of those who otherwise would have become derelicts. He provided instruction in reading, writing, arithmetic, and spelling. The reason for calling it Sunday School was none other than the fact that it was conducted on Sunday. Robert Raikes regarded his works as "attempt at civilization." At this point Raikes received renown in England. It is thought that this was the foundation of the Public School System first established in England and later brought to the United States.

AT FIRST the clergy frowned upon the move of Robert Raikes and said that he was desecrating the Sabbath by such operation on the Holy Day. He was scoffed by many who called his school "Bobby Wild Goose and His Ragged Regiment." In the face of all of this opposition, the Sunday School grew rapidly and went far beyond the calculations of Raikes himself. At the same time Robert Raikes instituted his Sunday School, there was another large-hearted man, a wealthy merchant by the name of William Fox, who started a school in a private house in his home town. However, this school did not meet on Sunday but on weekdays, and it used the

Bible as its textbook and also paid its teachers for their services. After corresponding with Raikes, William Fox got the idea of Sunday as the day for his school to meet. He is given credit for bringing the Bible into the Sunday School and for making the study of the Scriptures its chief purpose.

Raikes, who was the editor of the *Gloucester Journal*, disseminated this Sunday School enthusiasm through his articles in this paper. Before long, the clergy realized that this was the time to capitalize on this fast spreading movement called the Sunday School. It was fortunate for the Sunday School movement that John Wesley, who was then a renowned evangelist, gave his full support to the Sunday School program. He incorporated it in his great evangelistic program. Mr. Wesley wrote: "These Sunday Schools are the most noble institutions which have been seen in Europe for some centuries, and they will increase more and more provided the teachers and instructors do their duty." At the death of Robert Raikes in 1811, Sunday School attendance in Great Britain had soared to 400,000.

Although at its inception the Sunday School was operated as a separate and independent body, it should not be so now. In my opinion, it is the very heart of the church. "It is in the church, of the church, and for the church—a church school in every true and commanding sense. It has a threefold relation to the church, being a church institution and when in operation a church service and agency."

In order to arrive at the proper relationship of the Sunday School to the church, it might be well to study some of the things that the Sunday School is not.

It Is Not a Separate Body

There are some places where the Sunday School is operated independently of the church. This attitude is even reflected in many of the pastors in that they have no part in the operation of the Sunday School. The pastor should assume the responsibility as pastor of the Sunday School, as well as the other church services. Every Sunday School activity should be integrated into the church program. In my opinion, no church program is complete until it provides for an aggressive Sunday School as a teaching and evangelistic agency. Those Sunday Schools which coordinate effort with the rest of the local church program are schools that are thriving and are alive with church activity. The center of its energies is in the local church.

The Sunday School has been called the stepchild of the

church, but in more cases one will find that the church is the product of the Sunday School rather than the Sunday School being the product or child of the church. The Sunday School is oftentimes planted and grows into a thriving church.

At the very first General Assembly, January 26, 27, 1906, when the Church was still called The Holiness Church and there were only four churches, the following recommendation was made:

"The Assembly, therefore, recommends, advises, and urges every local church to have a Sunday School every Sunday during the whole year if possible. The workers are advised to do all they can to propagate the Sunday School interest and search for places where there are none, organizing where it is possible. We believe that a Sunday School may sometimes be organized successfully where a church could not be organized at once, thereby opening the way for a more permanent work."

This measure was passed by farsighted men who had already realized, at least in part, the relationship of the Sunday School to the Church.

The attitude that the Sunday School is merely an auxiliary of the church is reflected in church members who come only for what they term the morning worship and message of the pastor. Every church member should be a member of the Sunday School. In fact, most of the church members; that is, approximately eighty-five per cent, come through the Sunday School. Since out of the Sunday School comes eighty-five per cent of the members, ninety per cent of the church workers, and ninety-five per cent of the preachers, it is due proper prominence in the church program.

Not Merely a Children's Movement

Because the Sunday School started as a children's movement, it has not yet dawned upon some people that the Sunday School of today provides teaching and training on all age levels, including the adult. When inviting someone to Sunday School, you often hear the statement "Oh, that's for the kids." In order to be healthy, a church must devote time to teaching the Word. Since the Bible is the textbook of the Sunday School, it is there that the Word of God is taught by competent teachers to build men and women in the faith.

Although it was true that at one time provision was made only for the children in our Sunday Schools, today provision has been made to teach every member of the family simultaneously.

Not Regarded As a Church Service

Many persons often separate the morning service into two categories by calling one the Sunday School and the other the church service, but the Sunday School is as much a church service as the morning worship or preaching service. It is that part of the morning church service that is devoted to the teaching of the Bible. These services should not be regarded as separate services, but they should complement each other. Those in the Sunday School should be encouraged to remain for the message of the morning, and the pastor should encourage those to whom he preaches to come early enough to receive the benefits of the fore part of the church service, the Sunday School. The Sunday School is as much a church service as any other service whether it be prayer meeting, the Sunday night evangelistic service, or otherwise. If members and pastors could only realize that, the Sunday

School can serve as a channel for the output energy and life of the church. It can serve as a force for teaching, evangelizing, instructing, the upbuilding of Christian character in men and women, and opening a door of usefulness on a larger scale than the church has ever known. For this reason the Sunday School holds first rank among the agencies of the church. The Sunday School gives the church opportunity to do and also power to do.

The Sunday School, an Agency for Indoctrination

Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 3:15 said, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." There is no better place to clearly indoctrinate and to help men know what they believe and why they believe than through the Sunday School. The Sunday School helps the church to carry out the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ "teaching them to observe or do all things whatsoever I commanded you." If we are to hold our young people and weld them to the Church, we must, in the formative and impressionable years of their lives, imbed the tenets of faith or the doctrines of the Church in their hearts. A program of indoctrination in the Sunday School will reflect itself in the future leadership of the Church. Can we afford to allow our young people to live and grow up in the Church not knowing what it stands for and why we believe it. The Word of God is profitable for instruction and doctrine.

Dr. William E. Hatcher, of Virginia, in his book *The Pastor and the Sunday School* gives the following appraisal of Sunday School: "No statistician will ever be able to count up its contributions to the kingdom of God. Think of the countless thousands who year by year are conducted to the gates of the celestial kingdom and introduced into the Master's presence by this benign Christian force. Think of the armies upon armies of the young who have gone to heaven shouting the Redeemer's praises as they went. They were the fruit of the Sunday School; yet, the schools as the orchards of God are bearing 12 manner of fruit every month. Such is the commanding place of this Sunday School in its character."

The rich young ruler had morals, manners, and money. He would be welcomed readily into many churches today, with no questions asked. He would make a good "joiner," but he would be a poor disciple.

Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything. Somehow, we have utterly lost sight of our Saviour's drastic and often severe challenges to prospective disciples. Letting the dead bury the dead, denying self, hating loved ones, putting the hand to the plow—He used terms that demanded absolute obedience and unquestionable loyalty. Today we have tempered all this down and removed its sharp edge and have gathered a host of indifferent "joiners" who have not the faintest idea of what it means to "sell out" for Christ.

Jesus lost this prospect. The young man went away. Why didn't our Lord take him on milder terms and later lead him into complete surrender? That is our technique today, but Jesus was out for disciples, not "joiners."

"What lack I yet?" Here is the painful lack in our churches because it is the lack of so many of their members.—From *DAY BY DAY*, by Vance Havner (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Spiritual Values . . .

By JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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OF WHAT VALUE is the Sunday School? Who has planted a garden without coming to know that he cannot harvest a fair yield except as the earth is nourished and cultivated, and the sun shines and the rains fall?

If it is not to be dwarfed and stunted, the spiritual side of the human seedling needs care and cultivation and nourishment during the green years quite as much as the physical side requires food and sleep and exercise.

In his letter to the Philipplians, the apostle Paul says, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." The Sunday School is a place in which such things may be thought upon, and absorbed, and fused into one's being. Its teachings are a major means by which the spiritual life of the child may be nurtured, developed and brought to full growth.

It is impossible to evaluate fully the effect of the lessons which are taught in the Sunday School. But who, looking at his own past, will attempt to minimize the impression made on his developing personality by exposure to the great truths of the Bible at an age when everything is new and never-to-be-forgotten? Who can fail to remember the picture cards with the Bible verses, and the simple stories plainly told and colorfully illustrated? What child has failed to learn something of the majestic law set forth in the Ten Commandments or the challenge in the Sermon on the Mount? What child has not experienced the peace of the Twenty-third Psalm, and the glory of praise in the Lord's Prayer?

There is no yardstick for assessing the elements which go into making the individual conscience. The things of the spirit do not lend themselves to easy measurement. But no one should underestimate the role of the Sunday School in developing the spiritual values which make good citizens and which are so vitally essential to the preservation of a free civilization.

The Role of the Sunday School

By FRANK CARLSON
United States Senate (Kansas)

I WISH that somehow or other through the National Sunday School Association I might reach the teachers, especially of the boys and girls. My own experience in public life, first in Kansas and now in our Nation, leads me to rate the work of the Sunday School teacher as one of the half-dozen greatest assets to our beloved country.

Here in the Sunday School, as in the Christian home, our children and youth find the inspired leadership that develops and matures their Christian faith. Here our churches find the seed corn of their membership of tomorrow. Of course, the Sunday School can never take and should never take the place of a home where Christ dwells; but it can supplement such a home by systematic Bible study, by training in simple worship, by discussion and exploration of the meaning of Christianity in every day life. Over and above this, it can and does reach out and attract hundreds of thousands of boys and girls and young people from the other kind of home, where parents are indifferent to religion or derelict in their duty.

Our nation sorely needs citizens and public servants of integrity, whose "yea" is "yea" and "nay" is "nay." It needs citizens who accept responsibility; who assume they have an obligation to serve. These qualities are the full-flowering of a Christian faith.

Over and beyond this, the world today is in the throes of a gigantic conflict for men's loyalties. We of the free world know how near even some of our own people are at times to surrendering their birthright of freedom through fear or for the promise of security. At the heart of freedom, its greatest and strongest foundation, is the belief which many of us learned first in Sunday School, that you and I and each and every human being that ever lived may become a child of the Living God—too sacred to be coerced, exploited, terrorized. On this rock we build our country, and we would build the kingdom of God among free men everywhere. To this end, our Sunday Schools are dedicated. To this end, may their teachers ever labor. God give them His power!

Vital Vitamins for Sunday School Victory

By CLATE A. RISLEY, General Secretary, National Sunday School Association

DURING THE LAST twenty years we have heard lots about vitamins and their value in our daily life for vital health and strength. We are told that without these vitamins our bodies become ill. If this is true in our physical life, is it not possible that there are certain vitamins that we need for our spiritual life, our church life, and in the life of our Sunday School, if we are going to have a vital living organization?

Thinking along this line, I would like to suggest six vitamins that are vital to our Sunday School life if we are going to have real victory.

May I suggest that vitamin A is action, and it seems to me that we have an entire book of the New Testament that is given over to the action of the apostles. It's the first chapter in the New Testament church history, and we read from beginning to end of the acts of the apostles. The book of Acts is primarily the history of the apostle Peter and the apostle Paul. Wherever we would open the book, we see that they are busily engaged in the work of the Lord. When the apostle Paul went into a city, it wasn't long before there was a New Testament church started. He began testifying and witnessing in the synagogue, then in the market place. Before long, a group of Christians were meeting in someone's home. This was a result of action. It was the result of door-to-door-contact visitation, talking to people everywhere about Christ, and then teaching them that they might grow in their Christian life.

There is another verse in the New Testament found in James 1:22, that says, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." It is not enough that a man or woman be orthodox in their doctrine alone; we must be orthodox in our living. If we are reading the Bible aright and praying aright, we will get up to go—to go and to do as we have read and as we have prayed. We have a perfect right to question the spirituality of the one who claims to be "so spiritual" but is not doing anything at all about it.

I believe it is Dr. Henrietta Mears who says that "we have a situation in many churches today because we have so many people who just sit. Sitting church members always create a situation."

I am sure that there are some who would immediately say we must be sure and distinguish between activity and spirituality, and I would hasten to agree. It is altogether possible that we may have activity without spirituality, but I do not believe we can have real true spirituality without activity. When there is the right kind of spirituality, something is going to happen—a revival will come!

I read some time ago of a man who lived right next door to a church. He had been there for many years, the church had never bothered him. Oh, perhaps some years back a call or two had been made, but they had soon put him down as a hopeless case. He was known in the city as more or less the town agnostic. But one night in the middle of the night, the church caught on fire

and this man, together with other neighbors and friends close by and a few of the church members, rushed to the church to see what they could salvage. They carried out everything that they could move. After the fire had almost demolished the church, the people stood around about the outside watching the structure burn. One of the church members noticed this neighbor and said to him, "What brought you over to the church? I've never seen you here before," to which the neighbor replied, "This is the first time in all the time I've lived next door that I have really seen something going on."

WE MUST BE certain that there is some fire in the pulpit and in the pews if we are going to meet the needs of any community.

We suggest that vitamin B is Bible. We must be certain that our action and our activity is Bible-centered. If it is a Bible-centered program, it will be a Christ-centered program, for Christ is the subject of the Bible.

The Bible is the great contribution that the church has to mete to the lives of the people of any community. There are other organizations with perhaps better buildings and more equipment and more money, but they do not give to the people the Word of God. We must be careful that we do not allow ourselves to deteriorate into just another organization but God's organization; the church, giving the Word of God to the people. We must take it to them, but we have a message to take Christ as revealed in the Word of God—the Bible.

It is the Bible that makes the difference in life. It is the Bible that makes the difference in homes, in the family, in churches, in communities, and even in nations. With all of our sinfulness in this great nation of ours, we still can see and feel on every hand the influence of the Word of God through the lives of the people of God. We shudder to think what it would be and what it will be if the time ever comes when we cannot preach and teach God's Word.

As a church and as a Sunday School, if we are going to give out God's word, we must be certain that we know it because we cannot teach it if we do not know it. The law of the teacher says that the teacher must know that which she is to teach; so we must "study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

When I think of that verse, especially in relation to the Sunday School, I always think of the various age groups and the different departments in the Sunday School. It says "rightly dividing the Word of truth." To me this means giving it out in such a way that whether we are talking to a four or five year old or a fourteen or fifteen year old or any age between or above or below, they are able to grasp something of that Word. That means we must learn how to give it to the Beginner, the Primary, the Junior, the Junior High, the young person, and the adult. It's tragic to teach a group of Juniors as though they were a group of young adults, and it's just

as great a tragedy if it's the other way, and yet very often, we see teachers talking way over the heads of the children, and another teacher will talk below the level of a group of young people. The children cannot grasp that which is put above them, and the young people resent that which is put down to them. Perhaps both would be good teachers if they were teaching the right age group; if they were taught and trained how to give the Word to their particular age group with whom they are working.

As a teacher be certain that you are giving your class some of the Word of God every single week, and you may be sure that if that has not become a part of you, you are not receiving. If you are not practicing, you will not impart it to others so that they can interpret it into daily living. We must realize that in giving the Word, it is not a headful of knowledge and the stories of the Bible that we want nearly as much as it is to see the application of those stories lived in everyday life.

We suggest vitamin C in contact, and it certainly is a vital vitamin for victory in every Sunday School program. May I challenge you to look around and see today the denominations and the churches that are growing the fastest. You will find without an exception that they are those that have a real Sunday School program. Then take a closer look and you will find a vital part of their program is visitation, contact, going out and talking to the people about Christ, the church and the Sunday School, and inviting them to come in.

Do you know that there is not one single command in the Word of God for the unsaved to come to church? All of the directives and commands are for the church "to go into the highways and hedges and to compel them to come in." Every Christian worker is a salesman for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Recently I read a book about selling in which the author, an outstanding salesman, makes this statement, "Any man of average intelligence can be a success as a salesman if he will do one thing—contact." The writer goes on to say that it makes no difference how much ability or intelligence a salesman may have, he will not be a success as a salesman if he doesn't make contacts. The same is certainly true of the Sunday School. If we will make contacts, our Sunday School will grow. If we do not make contacts, it will not grow.

As we think of contacts in the New Testament, we find that there are a number of different kinds of contacts pictured there, and I would like to call attention to two different kinds in particular. First of all, there is what we might call the accident type. Now I know that there are no accidents as far as God is concerned, but I think we know what we mean when we use the term. We might think of the occasion when Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well as an excellent illustration of making the most of an accidental contact. At least from a human point of view, we would agree that Jesus did not know that He was going to meet the woman at the well, but He capitalized on an opportunity to speak to her, to witness and to reveal Himself to her.

EACH NEW DAY is filled with opportunities. We do not know all of those we are going to meet. We do not know who will come to our door. We do not know who may come to our place of business or even who we may meet on the street. Perhaps it is someone new; perhaps it is someone we have met before and may know but have failed to really enlist them, to speak to them,

to witness to them or to invite them to come to our church and our Sunday School. Perhaps they do not even know where we go to Sunday School. Here is an opportunity. We must make the most of our accidental contacts.

I was standing on the street corner in Minneapolis a few weeks ago waiting for the light to turn green. A car stopped in front of me and a man called my name. He asked me what I was doing in town, and where I was going. I told him. He said, "Let me take you there." That I did, and he immediately began to sell me on a new idea that was his. Here was an alert man, capitalizing on an accidental contact. He didn't even know I was in town. He was on his way to make another contact, but he felt here was a contact he could make on the way. Any man in business who is going to be a success must always be alert to the accidental contacts. We must be alert in church, in God's business for accidental contacts.

We hasten on to say that even though every church member would make the most of their accidental contacts, that is not enough. There would, no doubt, be areas in your community, your town or city that you would not go into year after year unless you planned to go there, because your daily routine would not take you that way. So it's not enough to just make the most of our accidental contacts. We must also have planned contacts. We see a scriptural illustration of this when we read that Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. This was premeditated. This was a planned contact, and it paid great dividends.

If we are going to do the job that God has for us to do in our community, we must make the most of planned contacts. This will mean an organized visitation program for the church and the Sunday School with leaders, with those who will give assignments, with those who will keep records, with those who will follow up. Every teacher should be expected to keep in constant contact with the pupils of her class. That's one advantage of having classes that are small in number so that we can know the whereabouts of every pupil every single week.

It was my privilege a year or so ago to serve as a judge for the National Sunday School attendance contest conducted by Christian Life. One thing that stood out in particular, together we commented upon it as we were going over the books that it made no difference how many different ideas or gadgets the various Sunday Schools sought to use, there was never any that brought results like visitation. Not that the others do not have any points rightly used, but seemingly it made little difference how great planning was done and how big a program was put on unless it was accompanied by visitation, and the more people making contacts, the more contacts that were made, the greater the results, almost without single exception.

VITAMIN D we suggest as dependability, the greatest ability that any man could have. It makes little or no difference what other abilities we may have if we do not have dependability. It doesn't make much difference how well you can teach or sing or speak or usher or anything else if you aren't there on the job when it needs to be done. God is looking for men and women today with vitamin D, men who are there on the job week in, week out, long after the glamour has worn off. God is looking for men and women with vitamin D in the summertime. He is looking for men and women who have vitamin D when it's hunting and fishing season. When-

ever a man or a woman thinks more of a fish, a deer, or an elk than he does the soul of a boy or girl or young person or a man or a woman, he has no business teaching a Sunday School class. We must have vitamin D—dependability. I am afraid that in many instances there are men and women of great talent that have been laid on the shelf because God couldn't count on them. It is required of a steward that he be found faithful, and dependability and faithfulness are vital in any program that will bring victory.

Vitamin E is efficiency. Oh, how we need it in the church of Jesus Christ today. It grieves my heart to see people that are meticulous in carrying out the duties of the week and careless on the Lord's day.

How often we see those who would not think of being late to work on Monday morning, but they come late to Sunday School on Sunday even when they have responsibilities. How often we see those who wouldn't stay home from work on Monday, but because they had a slight headache or because they had company or some other trivial thing took place, they would use that as an excuse for absenting themselves from their place of responsibility on the Lord's day. You know what an excuse is? "It's the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie," and that's what a lot of people hand God for their carelessness in carrying out their duties for God.

There are a couple of verses of scripture that I think are especially applicable here. One is found in Jeremiah 48:10, in what we might now call the old revised version. It says, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." Jeremiah wasn't talking to the wicked. Jeremiah was talking to the people of God, and he said there is a curse upon the people of God that are careless and negligent in the way they do the work of the Lord. To put that in modern language, for children we would say there is a spanking in store when we are disobedient, and God knows how to spank. I wonder if some of the judgments that we feel in our own lives are not God speaking to us about the careless way we do His work. Another verse of scripture found in the New Testament, Romans 12:11, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

I'd like to give you five "keys" of efficiency. The first key of efficiency for the Christian is prayer. The oft-quoted phrase is still true, "We can do more than pray after we have prayed, but we cannot do more than pray until we have prayed." Efficiency for the Christian begins with prayer.

The second key of efficiency is planning. We must plan. To plan means to think. Perhaps that is one reason why we don't do any more of it than we do. It takes effort to think. We must learn to think in two different ways. We must learn to think alone, and we must learn to think with others. There seems to be many who have learned to do one but have never learned to do both. God does not want someone else to do our thinking for us all the time but neither does he guarantee us that we will always have our own way. If we are working with others we will learn that very often they, too, have ideas that must be taken into consideration. I am afraid that often within the local church, and even on a national scale, that God's work has suffered because of those who may be brilliant men, able to think wonderful thoughts, have never learned to think together with others. They remind us of their childishness as if they were to say, "If I can't have my way, I'll take my doll and go home."

It is so important for us to learn to think for ourselves, and then learn to think with others.

Third is program. We must have a program. There was a time when I was afraid of the word, but I have come to realize that it doesn't mean anything more than an agenda—a list of things that we are going to do. If we aim at nothing, we will be sure to hit it. Many times, we have very little program, as far as the Sunday School and church is concerned. What are we planning to do as far as the Sunday School and church is concerned? What are we planning to do for our Sunday School in 1955? We need far more long-range planning and programming, setting forth of goals and determining our aims. What are you going to do? What's your program for the year? We need a program for each season. What's our fall program? our winter program? our spring and summer program? What does it include? Who is going to do it? How are we going to get it done? We need a program for the month. What's our emphasis for September? October? What's the program of the week? the day and the hour? That's knowing where we are going, and determining how we are going to get there.

THE FOURTH KEY of efficiency is promotion. We may have the best program in the world, but we have got to be sure that it has hands and feet. Probably many of you have been on a program committee. You have determined to find a program, and you've met together a couple weeks later to find that very little happened. Was it because you didn't have a very good program? Was it because you didn't push it? Was it because you didn't promote it? When I think of the word "promotion," I think of the word "push," because that's what we must do if we really get our program going. Promotion puts hands and feet to our program.

When I think of push and promotion, I think of the story of a rather peculiar pastor—and they are not so hard to find. This one had a very strange habit. In the middle of every afternoon, he'd be gone from the community for a while. The women noticed it first, naturally, and called it to the attention of some of the men. They noticed that he would drive out of town on the main highway, turn off on a little country road, and after ten or fifteen minutes he'd come back to town again and carry on his work where he left off. Finally, one of the older members of the board said to the pastor, "We're just a little bit concerned about you. We noticed every afternoon at the same time you drive out of town, you're gone for awhile and come back again. We'd just like to know what's going on."

The pastor rather surprised him when he said, "Would you like to come with me tomorrow?" One of the board members responded in the affirmative. It was almost more than he had expected. So the pastor said, "You be ready at a quarter to three, and I'll pick you up." They drove out the same road and turned off at the same little country lane. As they drove out of sight from the main highway, they came to a railroad crossing. The pastor pulled his car over to one side, turned off the key, slipped out from the seat a little bit, folded his arms, and there they sat in quiet. The church member thought of a number of questions he would like to ask, but he had already asked enough questions. For a time he kept still but not for very long when a great big streamliner came down the track. After the streamliner was out of sight, the pastor turned the key and started the car,

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- National - Sunday School Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana, will play host to the Sunday School leaders and teachers of the nation this fall during the ninth National Sunday School Convention to convene there October 13-15 in historic Cadle Tabernacle.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

Hotel reservations already placed indicate a record, out of city, out of state, attendance from every corner of the United States and Canada.

Indianapolis church members are making preparations to house thousands of people with the traditional understanding that each denomination is responsible for caring for their own people.

Mr. Leonard Hunt, 245 N. Delaware, is housing chairman and should be notified as early as possible.

A church in Washington state writes:

"We of the Central Christian Church are planning to send at least ten delegates to the convention in October."

A pastor in northern Michigan sends word:

"The Sunday School Department of the Grace Bible Church is planning to send a delegation to the National Sunday School Convention in Indianapolis, October 13, 14, 15. Our Board and Church have agreed to send a bus load, pay for the traveling expenses, and possibly the room rent for that time. The Lord willing, we hope to have as many as forty."

Fifty top-ranking men and women in the field of Christian Education are the speakers and leaders of the eight major sessions and sixty workshop conferences.

TOP LEADERS

Such leaders as the Rev. James Hamill, First Assembly of God, Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. Howard E. Butt, Jr., Vice-president of the H. E. Butt Grocery Company, Corpus Christi, Texas; Dr. Warren Filkin, Vice-president, N.S.S.A. and Professor of Christian Education at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago; Dr. Henrietta Mears, Director of Christian Education, First Presbyterian, Hollywood; Rev. Harold Garner of Moody Bible Institute; and Dr. Harold Erickson, President of N.S.S.A. will bring the major addresses.

NEW THIS YEAR

New in this year's program is the Question and Answer Panel and a symposium on "The Forgotten Men and Women That Make or Break the Sunday School" conducted in the main auditorium before the convention audience.

Exhibit of Sunday School materials and church equipment from dozens of

publishing houses and manufacturing concerns gives the convention atmosphere and adds a practical note to the meetings.

The first session begins Wednesday, October 13 at 1:15 p.m. in Cadle Tabernacle in downtown Indianapolis. The auditorium seating 7,500 is located at Ohio and New Jersey streets.

PARADE

Indianapolis decided to hold the Sunday School parade Tuesday evening before the convention, rather than at the close as in other cities. The Rev. S. R. Moneymaker, Pastor of College Avenue Nazarene, 55 S. 9th Avenue, Indianapolis, is parade chairman. Denominations or state or city Sunday School associations wishing to have an entry in the parade should write for application blanks immediately.

A local committee totaling 125 is busy with promotion and publicity locally and throughout the state.

The leading newspapers of the city have promised excellent coverage.

"I am delighted to know that you want to come to Indianapolis, and I can assure you that you will never receive better newspaper coverage than the attention we will give your convention here in Indianapolis," says Eugene Pulliam of the Indianapolis Star and News.

GOVERNOR CRAIG WELCOMES

Governor George N. Craig and Mayor Alex M. Clark have extended official welcomes to what they believe is the greatest state and finest city

in the nation.

All agree to the central location which will aid many in making their way to receive the inspiration, information, and instruction which can make such a difference in our local Sunday School program.

"Revival Now Through the Sunday School," the slogan of the National Sunday School Association, was never more true than today. Each national convention has given a boost to the Sunday School revival that is spreading to every section of the country.

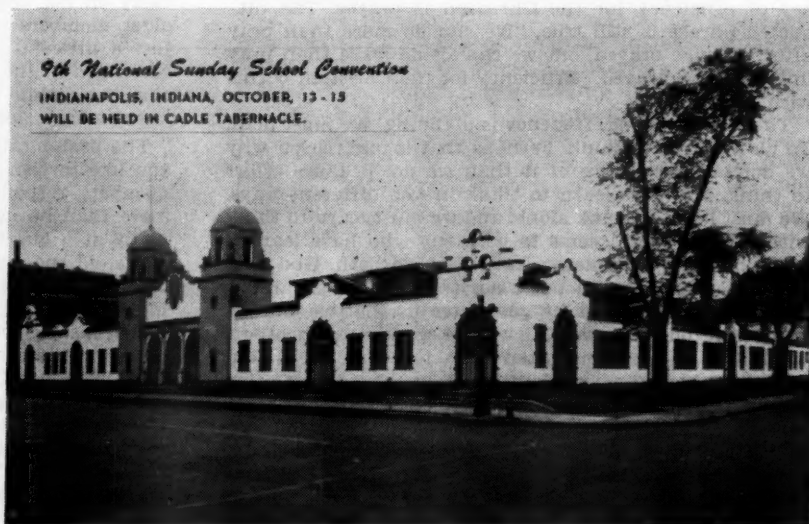
More and more churches are realizing the importance of being well represented at the National Sunday School Convention. Those far away are sending their pastor and Sunday School superintendent to represent them. Others closer are encouraging the entire teaching staff to attend.

The Rev. Clate Risley, General Secretary, National Sunday School Association, says: "With the program that is planned, with the hospitality that is extended from Indianapolis, and with the interest that is growing in Sunday Schools nationally, we have every right to expect the Ninth National Sunday School Convention to be the greatest."

PROGRAM READY

Anyone desiring a detailed program of the convention is invited to write:

National Sunday School Association
542 South Dearborn
Chicago 5, Illinois



I Believe in the Sunday School!

By DR. LEE ROBERSON, Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

I BELIEVE in the work of the Sunday School. Throughout my ministry, of over twenty-five years, I have sought to be "a Sunday School pastor." In all of this time I have not only taken a personal, direct interest in the Sunday School, but I have taught a Sunday School class each Sunday through the years.

I believe in the Sunday School that does three things. **First, I believe in the Sunday School that teaches the Word of God.** The Sunday School is the teaching hour, not the worship hour, not the training hour. The Word of God should be taught by competent, trained, consecrated teachers. The Sunday School is worthless if the Bible is not the textbook.

Second, I believe in the Sunday School that reaches out to all classes of people. Clannishness has no part in a real Sunday School. The rich, the poor, the high, the low should be sought to come to hear the Word of God. To that end the Highland Park Baptist Church, of which I am pastor, sends out eleven busses every Sunday morn-

ing throughout our city to bring in people who might otherwise never be reached. We sponsor thirty-five chapels and missions in and around the city for the reaching of additional hundreds who reside in places unreached by a Bible church and a Bible teaching Sunday School.

Third, I believe in the Sunday School that wins souls to Christ. I am unalterably opposed to the Sunday School that teaches the Word Sunday after Sunday, but never attempts to bring people to Christ. It is sadly true that in some Sunday Schools a person can attend ten or fifteen years without ever having anyone to witness to him about his soul. The Sunday School fails that does not endeavor to win the lost.

In this time of crisis and uncertainty we need to enlarge our Sunday Schools, to reach out into the farthest corners to bring all we can into our Sunday Schools now in operation and establish new schools in the thousands of places where they are needed. I believe in the work of the Sunday School!

National Sunday School Week

It is altogether fitting that a nation so blessed of God through the Sunday School should set aside a week each year to look back (in order) and to think again of the purpose of the Sunday School.

An institution as old as the Sunday School is always in danger of being taken for granted. For this reason, the National Sunday School Association sponsors annually NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK between the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. This year NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK is September 26-October 3. The first Sunday is designated as National Sunday School Day.

Sunday Schools and churches and even Sunday School Associations will cooperate to make the community and the nation conscious of the Sunday School.

The National Sunday School Association together with a number of denominational leaders and various publishers has prepared a new list of materials and suggested ideas for observing the week.

The theme "Train Today" is beautifully illustrated on the posters and church bulletin covers. The posters are free, the bulletin covers \$1.25 per hundred through the N.S.S.A. office.

Blotters

Blotters continue to be an effective means of advertising because people

simply do not throw blotters away. The N.S.S.A. has four beautifully designed blotters available at a fraction of what it would cost an individual church to have them printed. An illustrated folder is included in the packet of materials available from the N.S.S.A. office.

Make Tracks With Tracts

When you go into your community representing your Sunday School, be sure you have plenty of ammunition. Tracts suitable for visitation and especially for parents who are negligent about bringing their children to Sunday School are:

"Would You Cheat Your Child?"

"Parent Do You Care?"

"F.B.I. Chief Pleads—Save Our Homes"

"Ten Reasons for Attending Sunday School"

Possibly a new tract, "I Believe in the Sunday School" will be available. All these are 75c per hundred.

The pastor will no doubt want to preach on some phase of the importance of the Sunday School in building the church. During the week, plans should include some time when all the Sunday School teachers and officers of the church are brought together for inspiration and instruction concerning the Sunday School year ahead. Part of the business might concern the selecting of a delegate to the National Sunday School Convention to be held in Indianapolis, October

13, 14, 15. The pastor or the Sunday School superintendent is a logical one to send, if he is free to attend.

All materials suggested in this article can be ordered through the National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—HOME BASE FOR MISSIONS

By Harold E. Garner

Aside from the fact that the Sunday School is the church's greatest medium of teaching the Word "which is able to make" pupils "wise unto salvation," I believe it is the church's greatest means of providing opportunity for Christians to obey Christ's command, "Go ye . . . teach . . . beginning at Jerusalem."

God is calling for missionaries to go across the street as well as across the sea. The Sunday School provides the local setup for obeying this missionary challenge which is as much for the development of workmen as for the development of the work.

People have an innate desire to serve. Many times the church does not capitalize on this desire, and as a result its members become discontented with an organization that asks only for their attendance and gifts. "Use me or lose me" is a motto that ought to be hung around the neck of every new convert until the church does something about this challenge. The Sunday School in its home base, as well as in its branch works, is in a strategic position to offer the best means possible for putting people to work, thus providing a means of stability and growth for those who serve as well as winning others to Christ.

LET'S SOUND A WARNING

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monster—yes, I said monster, meaning one of the devil's little angels that is wrapped in a pretty, bright package—rob us of our spiritual life. He will rob our home of love, peace, and fellowship. There will be no more conversation in our homes and no more love; our time for church will be taken up; our prayer time will slip away; our hearts will become cold; we can't feel that fire burning any more; we won't fast any more, and we won't have time to study our Sunday School lesson. We just won't seem to be able to pray, for there is no spirit. Finally, when we try, my friend, we shall be so cold that it will not matter whether we pray or not (God have mercy). The old enemy will begin to wind us round and round as a spider winds a fly in his web; he winds and winds and at last the fly is so bound by spider webs that he can't break loose; he is lost. We are being weighed down with the devil's little weights. Our hearts are not big enough for God's Word and God's love and our TV programs, too, so if we don't mind, he will rob us of our souls through this modern invention. Have those six months been wasted or not. Paul said in Galatians 6:7, 8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." I can't see anything spiritual about TV with all of its modern, up-to-date programs of almost anything but something spiritual. Paul said, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked." Friend, we can fool ourselves, but we can't fool an all-wise God. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Yes, friend, we are being deceived by the devil. He is slipping one over us with this little no-harm-thing about which the world is so mad. It is of the world. If it were not, people would not be so hog wild about it—pagan gods, idols, anything to rob us of our prayer life. Matthew 26:41, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Paul said to pray without ceasing. Don't you see, the enemy of our souls is trying to rob us of our prayer time.

Don't misunderstand me, TV is not the only way Satan is working, by all means, but it is his latest and most perfected way of bringing into our homes (Pentecostal homes, if you please) all the things of which we one time refused to partake. Yes, we refused to go to the movies, ballgames, boxing and wrestling matches, barn dances, ballrooms, and night spots, but, oh, it's different now. It is no trouble at all; just flip a button, and there it is inside our living rooms (Pentecostal homes where the Spirit of God is supposed to be). Yes, in our living rooms our children will see things that are not pure and clean; they will see things they will never forget. There will probably be that man with the big stomach and black mustache with a big smile on his face as he guzzles down a glass of brandy or beer who will stand out in the child's mind until he is old enough to try it out for himself. Or the child maybe will remember that scantily dressed young woman as she takes pride in showing her flesh and puffing her long white cigarette. Now, friend, such things as these have a way of staying with these little undeveloped minds, and in some cases they will show results in later years. Will our children be in that affected number? God have mercy!

VITAL VITAMINS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL VICTORY

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member was really mystified by this time. Finally he said, "Is that all you do?" The pastor answered, "Yes, that's all I do." The board member asked again, "Would you mind telling me why you do that?" to which the pastor replied, "Certainly, I'd be so happy to tell you. It's because I get such a thrill out of seeing at least one thing go that I don't have to push."

Every leader should find out that if a program is going to go someone has to push. How are we going to push? That's our last key of efficiency. We'll push with publicity. We must let people know we are in business, where our church is, when our program starts, and what's going to take place. Nobody ever goes to a store unless they know a store is there. Nobody ever goes to a Sunday School unless they know one is there, and it is our job to let them know that there is one and that we are operating, that we are in business. We promote with publicity in every legitimate way. We can use the mail. We can use announcements. We can use the radio. We can use the newspaper. Very often, reporters would be glad for well written stories about the activities of our church. They don't have time to come around and ask every church what they are doing every single week, but the average church has something of interest every week that would make a news story if someone has the "nose for news" and would see that it is well written and put in the paper.

The best publicity of all is a satisfied customer. So we must be certain that we are taking care of those we have as they come—that we're friendly, that they make friends, that they meet others, that they are receiving that which is a help to them in their own spiritual life. If they go away and tell of the blessing received, they are a satisfied customer. More people are reached for our church and Sunday School through this means.

We must pray; we must plan. We must have a program; we must promote it, and we must publicize it.

Vitamin F—"first things first." It's found in Matthew 6:33, where the Lord said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We can say very honestly that if we will put first things first, all of these vitamins will be taken care of. Our great need is not a lot of new methods, but renewed men to do the things that very often they already know ought to be done. Basically most of our problems are spiritual. Our financial problems are usually spiritual problems, not really money problems. When people get right with God, they give, they go, and they do as they ought. So let us emphasize the importance of vitamin F in putting first things first. Then we'll see that all these other vitamins—the right kind of activity, Bible-centered program, contacts made day after day, and people that are dependable and efficient.

I trust that you will put into action the vitamins that you need in your own life, in your own Sunday School, and in your own church, that your community may see the difference in your Sunday School.

Faith believes God's Word. Patience awaits God's time. Hope expects all that God has promised. Love urges us to obey all of God's commands. Humility bows low before God's throne. Submission shuts the mouth in trying times. Resignation cheerfully surrenders all to God's disposal. All of these graces belong to the character of a Christian. —Herald of His Coming.

REPORTS...

NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT HOBBS, NEW MEXICO



Here you see a picture of the spacious and beautiful new church building at Hobbs, New Mexico. This is a solid masonry building, having clay tile for the inner wall and buff brick for the outer wall. The building is 45 feet by 65 feet and the educational building is 30 feet by 50 feet. This allows 4,500 square feet of floor space for worshiping purposes. It has a large nursery and a pastor's study at the entrance. This building project was started by the faith of a small band of faithful Church of God saints, and now after two years, they have seen their dreams and prayers come true. We, the members of the church at Hobbs, owe much to the good people of the city of Hobbs for the generous way they have helped in the erection of this new building. The auditorium has a seating capacity for 350 persons. We have six Sunday School rooms and a small auditorium for the junior department. Since we have moved into the new building, we have seen our Sunday School break its record several times. The last time we had 187 and now we are working for the 200 mark. The entire property carries a real estate valuation of \$48,000, and at the completion of the building, the debt is less than \$3,000.—R. L. Wagner, Pastor.

Brother and Sister Wagner and their people are to be congratulated for their fine work. When Brother and Sister Wagner arrived in Hobbs nearly three years ago, they were in great need of a new church building. Both the parsonage and the old church had to be moved to the back and side of the lot before construction of the new church could be started. They have largely worked on a pay-as-you-go plan, which has made the project more lengthy. The old church has been remodeled into Sunday School rooms and a small auditorium. The L.W.W.B. at Hobbs has done much toward helping with this project. Paws have been purchased for the main auditorium. The building was dedicated before the General Assembly.—Brady Dennis, State Overseer.

Western Canada Youth Camp

Western Canada held its annual youth camp this year from July 28 through August 1 at the Church of God in Consul, Saskatchewan. This was the second time for our youth camp, and it was well attended. Last year eighteen were registered, and this year thirty registered for the camp. The teachers were D. L. Lindsay, President of the International Bible College, Estevan, Saskatchewan; Chester Roset, business manager of I. B. C.; and Brother D. Walker, missionary from Indonesia. Mrs. D. Walker taught the musical session. Brother James A. Stephens, overseer, and his family were with us, along with a number of other ministers. Brother W. Rampy

was in charge of the sports. Brother Ernest C. Pennington, youth director for Western Canada, was in charge of all arrangements, and under his leadership, everything moved along smoothly. On Saturday evening the local pastor showed a film entitled "You Can't Win," and great conviction was in the service that night and throughout Sunday. Four were saved, 4 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and during the altar service Sunday night, 4 were healed. The Lord was wonderful in these services. We feel that this camp has been a great incentive to our youth to go all out for God. Many expressed themselves as being thrilled with what the Lord had done for them and as being

determined to go on for Him. We look forward to another fine camp next year if the Lord tarries. All the young people were under canvas during the time of camp, and they seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest.—Charles Evans.

Western Canada Camp Meeting

Western Canada held a week of camp from July 6 through July 11 at the International Bible College, Estevan, Saskatchewan, and we believe it was one of the greatest camps ever held in the Church of God in Western Canada. God worked from the very first service, and souls were blessed and filled with the Holy Ghost from the very first night.

Brother Joe Milligan did a fine job of preaching every night, and the altar was filled after every service. Brother T. L. Forrester was the speaker for the afternoons, and he was also anointed each time. Brother Ray Hughes, National Youth Director, was with us for the first two days, and he preached a fine sermon the second day of the camp. We were sorry that he could not stay longer. Brother Paul Milligan, brother of the night speaker, was with us and preached once. He also led choruses on a number of occasions. Also, Brother and Sister Cyril Chegwin were a blessing as they sang and preached from God's Word. Local men from the provinces and from North Dakota were with us and spoke to us from time to time. God's blessing was felt in every sermon, and the results were wonderful. Twelve received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, a number were saved, and a good number were healed in the three healing lines that were held. God is to be praised for the wonderful camp this year.

We should like to add a word of praise for our good overseer, Brother James A. Stephens, and the committees that worked with him. They are to be commended for the fine way in which the camp was organized. We look forward to having another camp next year if the Lord tarries, and we trust we shall have as great and wonderful a time as we had this year.—Charles Evans, Reporter.

DECHERD, T e n n.—Home-coming day at the White Oak Grove Church of God in Decherd, Tennessee, was well attended. We had 136 in Sunday School, and most of the churches on the district were represented. Everyone enjoyed the good fellowship and the presence of the Holy Ghost. In the morning service, Brother J. W. Atkins, of Cleveland, Tennessee, brought a wonderful message which blessed our souls. We were made to sit together in heavenly places as the Lord came down to bless His people. During the noon hour, a tasty dinner was served. The afternoon service was wonderful, and an offering of \$151.50 was taken for our Sunday School rooms. Praise the Lord!—Mrs. William Goodrum, Reporter.

A New Church in Ferriday, Louisiana
On July 7, 1954, Y. W. Kidd, the

state overseer, set a new church in order with fifteen members after preparations had been made by Brother W. E. Rodgers, the pastor. After two and one-half weeks' of old-fashioned preaching by the pastor, the church had a total membership of twenty-four. He obtained Brother Robert White, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for a three-week tent revival, with Brother David Beatty assisting with the music. As a result of this great campaign, many were miraculously healed, 21 saved, 13 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 27 united with the church, and 12 baptized in water. The church is now five weeks old and has fifty-one members. Also, we are building a nice modern church and parsonage valued at \$15,000. The church paid \$55 in tithes the past week and had seventy-two in Sunday School. We are expecting this to be one of the finest churches in the State of Louisiana, and we desire your prayers.—Reporter.

Colorado-Utah Camp Meeting

The Colorado-Utah Camp Meeting convened June 7 through June 13 in Grand Junction, Colorado. The evening speaker and morning Bible teacher was James A. Cross, state overseer of South Carolina. His soul-stirring messages and enlightening Bible classes will never be forgotten by those who attended the meetings.

Among the other speakers were C. W. Collins, state overseer of Arizona, and H. L. Chessner, General Secretary-Treasurer, of Cleveland, Tennessee. The presence of the Lord was in every service, and the saints had their souls refreshed.

Darius Horstick from the Minot Music Academy was in charge of the music. Several trios, duets, soloists, and other musicians blessed the people with their songs of praise.

Youth day was a real success. The program which was presented by various young people from over the State was "Time for T.V. on Channel S-A-V-E." Everyone enjoyed it, and he will remember it for a long time.

The camp meeting gave an opportunity to observe the progress which has been made in the State during the past year. The membership was increased greatly, and the property value of the church rose \$100,000. The missions offerings were almost doubled, and there was an increase of \$348.87 in the Orphanage offerings. This is wonderful progress for this small mission State, and we give the Lord all of the praise.

We feel that the Lord is moving throughout the State, and we are grateful to Him for a state overseer as capable and as consecrated as Brother A. G. Thompson, who has been serving in the State for the past two years.—Colorado Reporter.

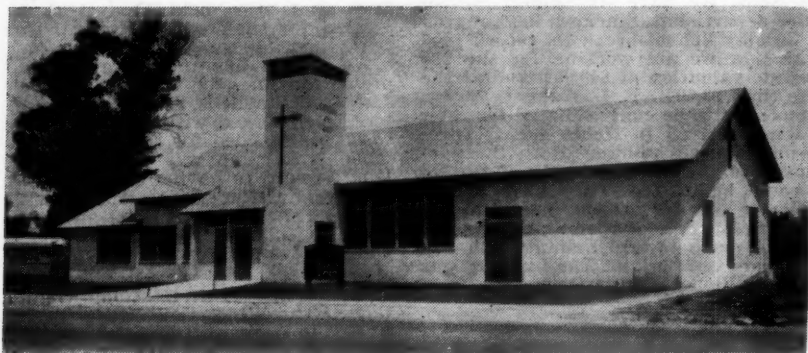
present pastor, Brother George Broome.

While Brother Myers was the pastor, the church started a building fund. Brother and Sister Broome came July, 1952, and continued the drive. In the summer of 1953 the old property was sold and our present property was purchased. Our church is now located on the corner of Merced and Ramona Boulevard, with 450 feet on Ramona Boulevard, which is the main street through Baldwin Park. Our new church is 38 feet by 106 feet with an auditorium seating approximately 250 persons. There are nine classrooms, a kitchen, baptistry, and a pastor's study. We plan to start construction on a parsonage in the near future. Our new church, which was built in less than six months' time, was built mostly by donated labor. The value of the lot is \$10,000, and the building is \$30,000. Much credit is due our good pastor, Brother Broome, and our fine building committee for the erection of our beautiful new church.

Easter Sunday was a record-breaking day for our Sunday School with 212 present. The church was dedicated in the afternoon by Brother H. B. Ramsey, our state overseer.—Haskel C. Williams, Reporter.

FOREST HILL, Fla.—We praise the Lord for our fine young people. They sponsored a singing convention for the purpose of raising money to send our pastor, Sister Bessie Lyles, to the General Assembly. They raised \$55.59, for which we thank God.—Lorene Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Y.P.E.

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While Brother and Sister C. W. Cle-

land were pastoring, the church bought a lot on Chevalier Street and moved the building on to it. Brother W. G. Webb was the next pastor, followed by Mrs. Beulah Wilson. While Brother H. D. Williams was the pastor, the parsonage was built. Brother J. A. Lewis was the pastor when the adjoining lot was purchased and more remodeling was done. Other ministers who have pastored the church are as follows: S. L. Bunch; J. E. Douglas, Sr.; I. L. Bengé; Cleo Watts; R. C. Ogle; T. C. Messer; R. D. Cook; H. Mushegan; J. Jeffries; J. H. Whipple; W. R. Gruggett; J. C. Myers; and our

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William H. Miller passed away April 26, 1954, at the Maine General Hospital. Mr. Miller was born August 11, 1873, and was eighty years of age at the time of his death. He was a member of the Church of God in Portland, Maine. Funeral services were conducted by the state overseer, D. G. Homner, in the Baptist Church of Appleton, Maine, where interment was made. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. William H. Miller, one son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one sister. It was through Mr. Miller that the Church of God obtained its present campground in Appleton, Maine.

CULPEPPER

Jessie J. Culpepper, a licensed minister of the State of Georgia, died July 19, 1954.

GODIN

Another of God's precious jewels has been gathered home in the person of Emmanuel Godin, 73, of the Ocean Church of God, Brisbin, Pennsylvania. Brother Godin and his wife were the first members accepted into this church. He is greatly missed by his family, the church, and a great multitude of friends. He was buried on August 15, 1954.—Walter T. Boring, Pastor.

BENNETT

Raymond S. Bennett, one of the oldest members of the Church of God in Naples, Florida, died August 8, 1954. Until the end, he had the salvation of lost souls dearest to his heart, and now he goes to a well-earned reward. Brother Bennett's life in Christ was felt by all with whom he came in contact, because his life was one of long-suffering and compassion toward all. We are sorrowful for his passing but joyful that eternal peace is his.—George Buser.

PHILLIPS

Joan Darleen Phillips, born March 18, 1953, departed this life on July 3, 1954. The funeral was conducted by M. M. Thomas, pastor of the Church of God in Jacksonville, Florida, and was assisted by the district pastor, A. V. Howell. The Orlando Church of God Trio rendered the singing accompanied on the piano by Grace Fernandez, of Key West, Florida. Joan was the daughter of our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. W. Fletcher Phillips. She leaves to mourn her death a twin sister, June Marleen; Sheila Kathleen, 2½ years old; Wanda Eileen, 9; Janice Colleen, 13; many relatives; and a host of friends. We loved her dearly, but Jesus loved her best, and we know that heaven is brighter since she went away.—Robert Rogers, Clerk, Winter Garden, Florida.

MOBILE, Ala.—I should like to praise God for His wonderful healing power. I had an affliction for more than fourteen years, and each doctor to whom I went said that it was fatal. My sister, Lillie Mae Allen, pastor of the Yellow Pine Church of God, wanted me to go with her to a revival at the Saraland Church of God and let Brother Oscar Hill pray for me. When Brother Hill called for the sick to come for prayer, I failed to go. After he had prayed for all of those in the prayer line, he came to me and asked if I would let him pray for me. I can't express the way I felt after he prayed for me, but something like a ball of fire moved about in my body, burning as it went. I was healed of the affliction, and I was healed at the same time of yellow jaundice, also.

In July Brother Hill was in Perdido, Alabama, conducting a revival. On July 19 I thought all day of the revival and wanted to go, not knowing until I got home that I would get to go that night. I was sick with my head, and I had bad eyes. I could hardly see because of something like a skim over my eyes, and I had to wear glasses almost all of the time. That night Sister Allen asked me to go up for prayer for these ailments, but I would not go. My teeth were aching, for I had had some pulled about a week ago and my jaw had become abscessed. I had had to have the bone scraped, and it had been bleeding and giving me trouble. While Brother Hill was bringing the message, my mouth felt as if I had just taken a shot from the dentist. My lips felt numb, and my teeth felt thick until I got home. My jaw was healed, and the tooth that was aching was healed.

After the message, Brother Hill prayed for my eyes, and I could see better than I had for years. Also, my gums and jaw were healed. I truly thank God for the healing virtue of Almighty God.—Dorothy Smith. Attested by Brother William Baker, Pastor of the Perdido Church of God.

WAYCROSS, Ga.—I want to praise God for healing my mouth. I love Jesus for all that He has ever done for me. He is my Healer!—Mrs. Anderson.

LOGAN, W. Va.—I sent a request last January to the Church of God Publishing House asking them to have special prayer for my little grandson. The doctors said he had gastritis. His milk was changed seven different times and nothing agreed with him. They tell my daughter now that they did not think he would ever make it. But we know prayer changes things because God healed him and gave him

back to us. He is now seven months old and weighs eighteen pounds.—Mrs. Jack Foley.

SODDY, Tenn.—About three weeks ago, I had a sister out in sin for whom I had been praying for almost two years. I begged her to go to church with me, and she wouldn't say yes or no. She didn't go and on a Friday night I was stricken. I went to church that night, and I wasn't sick at all, but when I reached home I stopped at the door and told my family I was sick. They put me in a chair, and after that I did not know anything until I heard a prayer nearby which seemed as if angels were all around me. When I came to myself, a crowd of people were praying for me, and my sister was standing near my bed. The power of God raised me up, and I told her that she ought to give her heart to the Lord that night. She said yes, and we began to pray. In just a few moments, she began speaking in other tongues. That night two miracles were performed in our home—I was healed, and my sister was saved. I thank God for this and for the friends who helped pray for me. I am fifteen years old and a member of the Dividing Ridge Church of God where Brother George C. Spencer is the pastor.—Miss Robbie Dean Bice. Attested by George C. Spencer, Pastor.

IRONTON, Ohio—I want to tell of the wonderful healing virtue of the blood of Jesus. I've been healed of T.B., cancer, and last February a year ago when I fell and broke two ribs, God healed them. I did not ever know when they knitted together. Just recently, I had arthritis so badly in my thumb that I could not play the piano for the church services. A few nights later, I had a severe attack of gall bladder. I applied the Evangel each time in Jesus' name and was instantly healed. I am 78 years old and haven't an ache, pain, or chronic ailment. Praise the great and wonderful name of Jesus!—Ada McCrimmon.

SODDY, Tenn.—I thank God for healing my body. In just a few seconds He did what doctors had not done in ten years. Brother Spencer, our pastor, prayed for me, and thank God, I was healed of heart trouble and high blood pressure. I also had a great knot in my side which kept me from bending over, and I was healed of that, too. I could hardly ever go to church until I went through the prayer line with faith in God. I am a member of the Dividing Ridge Church of God.—Mrs. Jesse Bice. Attested by G. C. Spencer, Pastor.

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